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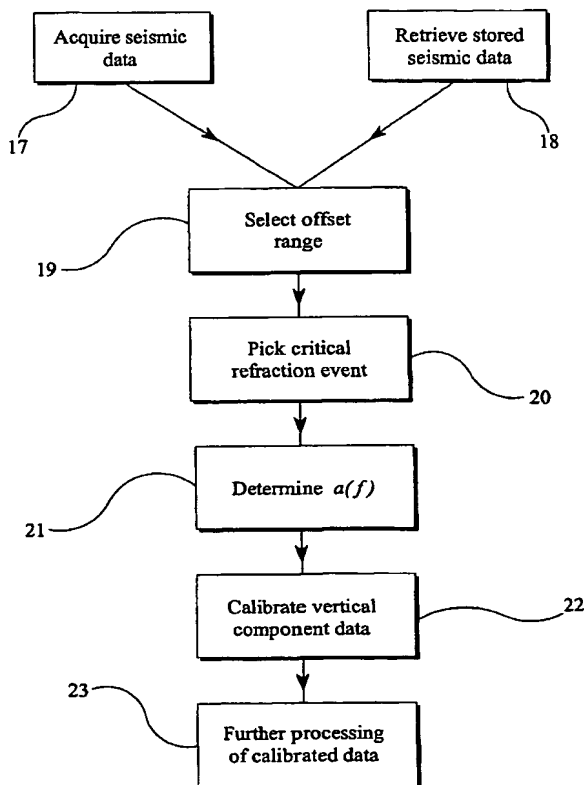
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(54) Title: A METHOD OF AN APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING SEISMIC DATA AND DETERMINING A CALIBRATION FILTER



(57) Abstract: A method determining a calibration filter to calibrate a first component of multi-component seismic data relative to a second component of the seismic data comprises determining the calibration filter from a portion of the seismic data that contains only events arising from critical refraction of seismic energy. The method is particularly suitable for long-offset data, since the first arrival will be a critical refraction event and an automatic picking method may be used. The present invention also provides a wavenumber-dependent calibration filter that is obtained from a calibration filter obtained from data in one offset range and another calibration filter obtained from data in another offset range.



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A method of (and the corresponding apparatus for) processing multi-component seismic data comprising the step of selecting a portion of the seismic data either containing only events arising from critical refraction of seismic energy or containing only upwardly propagating seismic energy.

2. Claims: 8-9,16-20

A method of (and the corresponding apparatus for) processing multicomponent seismic data comprising the step of determining calibration filters from 2 portions of the seismic data with different offset ranges.

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